

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Further concentration of Corporate Media will not serve the public interest in access to diverse and local programming, much less lower prices of services. Corporate Media companies such as AOL-Time-Warner's claim that public interest regulations impinge "their" First Amendment rights is ludicrous; that the public interest makes a market "anti-competitive" challenges Democracy.

How can a hand-full of powerful corporations that OWN the media, claim not to have a voice in the media? God forbid if We The People ever dominate a market.